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TO: Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities (NF) and Nursing Facilities for Persons with Mental Illness (NF/MI)

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

SUBJECT: Cost Reporting Due Date for Nursing Facilities

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME is currently in discussions with stakeholders regarding changes to the Iowa Administrative Code requirements dealing with cost reporting for Nursing Facilities (NFs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs). Currently, the Medicaid requirement in 441—IAC 81.6(3) allows facilities three months after the close of the facility's fiscal year to submit the Financial and Statistical (F&S) Report, form 470-0030. Medicare regulations allow five months for submission of the Medicare cost report. One of the proposed rule changes would align the due dates for submission of the F&S Report with the due date for Medicare cost reports.

Because the proposed rule change will not be effective until after the cost reporting deadline for many facilities, the department will allow any NF and SNF providers with due dates of March 31, 2013, or later an extension of two months to submit the F&S Report to the IME Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit. For example, a facility with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, has a cost reporting deadline of March 31, 2013, under the current rule. With this extension, the cost report would now need to be submitted by May 31, 2013.

Until the new rule is adopted, a facility that chooses to utilize this extension must also submit to the IME a copy of this letter, an electronic copy of the completed Medicare cost report as submitted to the Medicare fiscal intermediary, and a working trial balance that corresponds to the data on the F&S Report. If all required documentation is not received or is received after the end of the fifth month following a facility's fiscal year end, the penalty provisions of 441--IAC 441.6 will be enforced from the original due date.

Providers choosing to exercise this option should maintain a copy of this letter in their financial records in order to demonstrate compliance with state requirements in the event of an audit by an entity other than the department.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit at 1-866 863-8610 or 515-256-4610 (Local), or by email at: costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us.